## JOHN TAGGART.

APRIL 24, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PRICE, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

# REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5078.]

The Committee on Claims, having considered bill H. R. 5078, report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

The committee base their conclusions upon the annexed affidavit, which they make a part of this report.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
  *County of Harrison, ss:*

Before the undersigned, a notary public, within and for the county of Harrison and State aforesaid, personally appeared John Taggart, of Bethany, Harrison County, Missouri, and being by me first duly sworn, upon his oath states that in the year 1868 he was appointed postmaster for the office of Bolton, Harrison County, Missouri; that in the year 1869, he removed to the town of Bethany, in said county, and left the office in charge of a deputy; that the building in which said office was kept was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1870, and to the best of this affiant's knowledge and belief, the entire contents of said building, including the contents pertaining to said office, as well as a general stock of dry-goods, were entirely destroyed; that afterward the Post-Office Dept. at Washington, D. C., claimed from this affiant a sum of thirty and $\frac{64}{100}$ dollars ($30.64) for stamps, which was paid to Wm. S. Conner, the postmaster at said town of Bolton, and for which the receipt is herewith presented; that the above am't of ($30.64) this affiant verily believes was received for stamps that were destroyed in the burning of said building.

JOHN TAGGART.

Subscribed and sworn to before me; and I certify that I am well acquainted with the affiant, and that he is a highly respected citizen and all his statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 18th day of February, A. D. 1883.

My commission as notary public expires Jan'y 14, 1885.

[SEAL.]

WM. C. HEASTON,
  *Notary Public.*